

# **Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

**Archie R. Cole Middle School Library**

**100 Cedar Avenue**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**6:00 p.m. Executive Session, Dr. McEwen made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-4 and §42-46-5 (a) (2) Teacher Negotiations. Mr. Fain seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.**

**Those in attendance were Ms. Carolyn Mark, Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters, Vice-Chair; Mr. Matt Plain; Mr. Michael Fain; Mr. Jeff Dronzek; Dr. Lori McEwen; and Dr. Yan Sun. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Gail Wilcox, Director of Administration; Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services, and Attorney Matthew Oliverio were also in attendance.**

## **7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

### **I. Call to Order**

**Ms. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. She announced a vote was taken on January 12, 2017 in executive session regarding pertaining to teacher negotiations. The vote passed 7-0. Another vote was taken tonight in executive session regarding teacher**

**negotiations. The voted failed 6-1.**

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

## **III. Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

## **IV. Recognitions**

### **a. All-State Music-Cole and EGHS students**

**Cole and EGHS students were recognized and congratulated.**

## **V. Approval of Minutes**

### **a. Regular and executive for January 10, 2017**

**Mrs. Winters made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fain to approve the regular and executive minutes. In regards to the field trip (VI.b-Approval of Field Trip), Mr. Plain questioned whether Mr. Seger said the two missed days represent “instructional minutes.”**

**The YouTube video will be reviewed. Dr. McEwen asked that the minutes reflect her request of “an account of why students don’t go on the field trips.” Ms. Mark asked that item VIII.c.2. include “revenue opportunities were referred to the Finance Committee.” With the noted amendments, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the regular and executive minutes.**

### **b. Executive for January 12, 2017**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Fain, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the executive minutes.**

## **VI. Superintendent’s Report**

### **a. Incident Update**

**Schools are reviewing their crisis plans with the first responder team**

**over the next few weeks. Updates will be provided when available.**

**b. Stage II Submission Update**

**The district is in the process of submitting a letter of support to RIDE for the Stage II application. Mr. Wilmarth has been working with Colliers International, Saccocia and Associates and Dr. da Silva at RIDE to meet the February 17, 2017 deadline. An update will be provided when available.**

**VII. Action Items**

**a. Home School Approval- grade 11/12**

**On a motion by Mr. Plain, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the request.**

**b. Appointments**

**1. After School Mock Trial Co-Coach-Jody Mangiaratti, Cole**

**2. After School Mock Trial Co-Coach-Brian Eagan, Cole**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Dronzek, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve appointments b #1 and #2.**

**3. Head Coach Cheerleading-Cole-Taylor Hollinrake**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Sun, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment.**

**4. Asst Coach Boys' Indoor Track-EGHS-Ken Topalian**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Dronzek,**

**the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment.**

**c. Extension of Parental Leave-Monica Cardi, Teacher-Cole, 2017-2018**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. McEwen, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the extension of parental leave.**

**d. Approval of sabbatical- Brendan Carniaux, Teacher, EGHS, 2017-2018**

**The Committee was provided with the details of Mr. Carniaux's request. Dr. Mercurio**

**also provided contractual language (CBA 10-10.1.7), which discusses sabbatical requests.**

**The deadline for sabbatical submission to the School Committee is March 1st. Mr. Carniaux was present to answer questions and also spoke of the need for a composition class at EGHS. Since this request has fiscal impacts, Dr. Mercurio recommended tabling the vote until the Committee works through the budget workshops. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Dronzek, the Committee voted 7-0 to table the motion.**

**e. Resignation-Nicholas Andreozzi, Teacher, EGHS**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. McEwen, the Committee voted 7-0 to accept the resignation. Dr. McEwen asked if the district conducts exit interviews. Dr. Mercurio said there is no formal protocol. The Personnel Committee will discuss this topic at a future meeting.**

**f. Approval of new position: 1:1 Paraprofessional Frenchtown School**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Fain, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the new position.**

**g. Approval of revised Finance Committee Charge**

**The revision will allow “up to eight members of the public” to serve on the Finance Committee. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Plain, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the revision.**

**h. Approval of Finance Committee Community Member**

**1. Mr. Stuart Peterson**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Sun, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve Mr. Peterson.**

**VIII. Advisory/Subcommittee Updates**

**a. Health and Wellness Committee**

**Ms. Mark discussed the PLAYWORKS program and the workshop that was attended by Health/Wellness member Nancy Day. The Health and Wellness survey will be circulated to staff again via the Supt’s Field Memo. The initial response rate was low. Mr. Downey gave an update on the PE/Health Curriculum and discussed the fitness app that will be rolled out at EGHS. Eldredge and Hanaford have been piloting a school lunch box program, which has been well received and has helped speed up the lunch line. Aramark is planning a rollout for Frenchtown and Meadowbrook in February. EGEF provided a grant for pedal desks at Hanaford. The H/W Committee will contact classroom teachers to collect data on the**

rollout of the desks.

**b. Transportation Subcommittee**

The Committee discussed bussing for the upcoming year and new regulations that affect stops. Walking distance is still being reviewed. The group meets again on Thursday and would like to draft recommendations (walk distance) for the Policy Committee. All changes will be incorporated into the new bus contract.

**IX. Discussion**

**a. Teaching and Learning: Teacher Preparation Programs**

Dr. Mercurio discussed the recent performance review for R.I.C. Based on RIDE's performance report, R.I.C. received non-renewal ratings for school counseling and educational leadership. R.I.C. cannot accept new students into these programs. NEIT is pursuing teacher credentialing for career/technology. The R.I. Supt's Association and RIDE met with higher education officials to discuss possibly drafting new regulations regarding the student teaching program and the skills needed. There will be a series of conversations prior to the drafting of regulations. There are numerous concerns regarding certification renewal in R.I. Future information will be shared when available.

**b. FY2018 Budget**

The Finance Committee met today. Budget partners were assigned to administrators. The group discussed the meeting that took place with the Town Council and revenue streams. More information will be provided when available. The public hearing for the budget is scheduled for April 10th. Mr. Dronzek asked if the town would be

**changing the date (due to Passover). Dr. Mercurio hasn't heard back from the town, but will report at the next meeting.**

**X. School Committee Concerns/Important Matters Pending**

**No items were discussed.**

**XI. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Sun, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn regular session at 8:02 p.m. and resume executive session.**

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO**

**SECRETARY**